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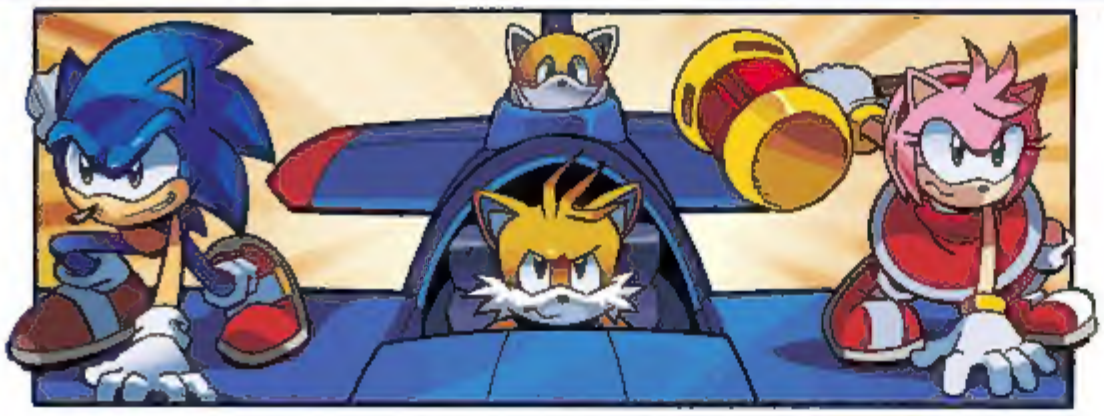

THE HEROES ARE ON THE RISE!

Sonic and his friends have had it rough lately. Just after they'd driven out the invasion of the Iron Dominion, the vile wizard Ixis Naugus arrived to claim the throne of New Mobotropolis – their home. During this time, Dr. Eggman was secretly completing his latest, greatest creation: the Death Egg II.

In the days after the Death Egg II's launch, Sonic's team of friends – the Freedom Fighters – fell apart. Antoine D'Coolette was put into a coma, Bunnie D'Coolette went missing, and Sally Acorn was roboticized and weaponized, becoming Dr. Eggman's newest killer robot. To save his friends and the world, Sonic formed Team Fighters with Miles "Tails" Prower, Amy Rose and T - Pup to chase down the Death Egg II and rescue Sally. They've finally tracked him to a refueling station in the arctic.

Meanwhile, Silver the Hedgehog has been time-traveling, trying to prevent the horrible future from which he came. According to legend, a traitor among the Freedom Fighters destroyed the team and paved the way for disaster.

Silver's made some false assumptions and accusations, but now he's certain he's identified "The Traitor". If he doesn't help Sonic stop "The Traitor" now, it could be too late.

Who's Who

TEAM FIGHTERS
SONIC'S STRIKE FORCE

ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HEROES OF THE NORTH

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
TIME TRAVELER

TEAM FREEDOM
ROTOR'S HEROIC HOME-TEAM

THE ARCTIC TUNDRA...

"THE DEATH EGG ARRIVED A FEW DAYS AGO.

"EGGMAN'S FORCES TOOK A FEW DAYS TO SECURE THE AREA, PUTTING THAT BUNKER AT THE END OF THE ONLY SAFE PATH WE COULD TAKE. THEN HE SETTLED INTO THE WATER SO HIS ORCA COULD BEGIN REPAIRS AND START RE-STOCKING."

AT ALL COSTS PART ONE: FATE INTERRUPTED

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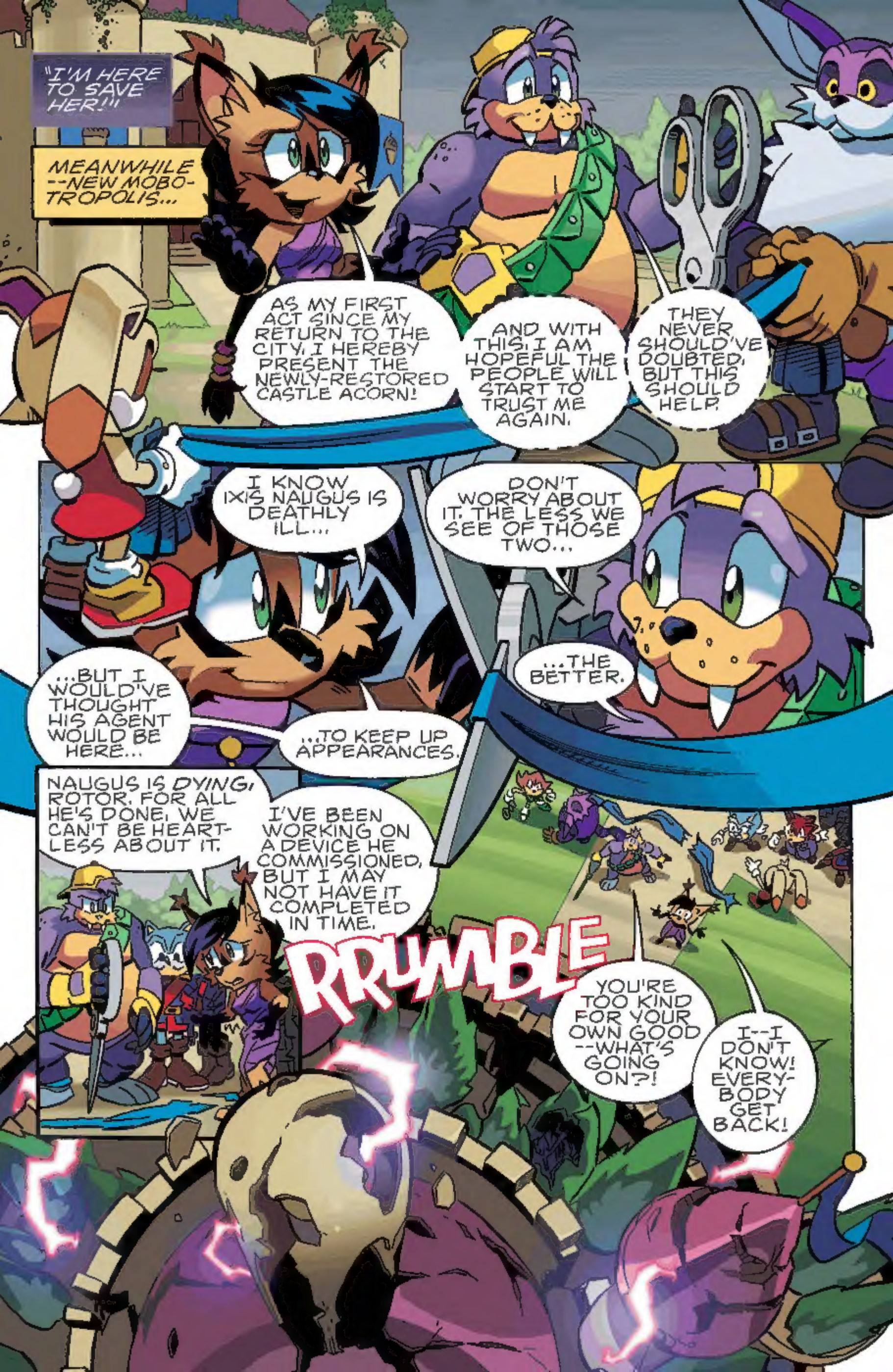
WE APPRECIATE THE HELP, GUNTIVER.
IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE AND HONOR. WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR THE PRINCESS? SHE WON'T COME QUIETLY, AND BEING ROBOTICIZED...
T-PUP HAS THE TORNADO PREPPED FOR TAKE-OFF AND KEEPING SALLY DISABLED. WE'VE GOT ...SOMEONE WORKING ON THE NEXT STEP BACK HOME...*
*LAST ISSUE!
C'MON, AMY. ERMA LOANED YOU SOME CLOTHES, AND YOU'RE STILL COLD?
WE'RE IN THE NORTHERN TUNDRA, SONIC! OF COURSE I'M COLD!
YOU'RE WEARING THE MOST OF ANY OF US.
I'M A DELICATE LADY! I CHILL EASILY!
ARE WE ALL SET?
GET LOST
YUP! JUST WAITING FOR ERMA'S SIGNAL THAT SHE'S CUT THE BUNKER'S ALARMS. WE DON'T NEED EGGMAN KNOWING--
--WE'RE HERE TOO SOON, DO WE NOW?
WELCOME
FZZT
TAILS THE FOX
AMY ROSE
THERE'S THE SIGNAL!
GUNTIVER THE ARCTIC WOLF
AUGUSTUS THE POLAR BEAR
FLIP PENGUIN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
TEAM FIGHTERS! ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET'S DO IT TO IT!
SEALIA SEAL

CRASH
ERMA ERMINE
KZZT
WHAT THE-- SILVER THE HEDGEHOG ?!

YOU.
EASY, SONIC.
NO WAY! THIS JERK HAS BEEN HOUNDING ME AND MY FRIENDS...
...WITH SOME CRAZY NOTION THAT THERE'S A TRAITOR AMONG US. IT GOT OLD FAST, AND I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR IT NOW!
I REMEMBER, HE TRIED TO KILL ROTOR IN OUR TERRITORY.*
NO, I WAS... I WANTED...
...LOOK, I ADMIT I'VE BEEN WRONG--A LOT. BUT THIS TIME, I SWEAR I'VE GOT IT FIGURED OUT.
*STH # 215-216.
FORGET IT. I'M SICK OF YOUR ACCUSATIONS. BEAT IT.
ROOM'S SECURE, BY THE WAY.

PLEASE! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME JUST ONE MORE CHANCE! I GOT OUTSIDE HELP TO FIGURE IT OUT!
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHO IT IS BUT...
IS THE TRUE KING INVOLVED?
LET'S HEAR HIM OUT ONE LAST TIME.
DUDE, WHAT'S THE DEAL?
HOW DID YOU ...I NEVER SAID...!*
JUST TRUST ME.
MEH. IF YOU SAY SO, LITTLE BRO'.
*STH# 239.
THANKS, TAILS. LOOK, HERE'S THE DEAL; IN MY ERA, ALL THAT ANYONE REMEMBERS IS THAT IN THIS ERA, ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DOES SOMETHING THAT DESTROYS THE TEAM, AND EVERYTHING FALLS APART FROM THERE. ACCORDING TO HISTORY, I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
THIS IS SERIOUS!
SAYS THE TIME TRAVELER.
YOUR TEAM HAS ALREADY FALLEN APART! SALLY IS A KILLER ROBOT, ANTOINE IS IN A COMA, AND BUNNIE IS MISSING! EGGMAN IS ATTACKING THE WORLD WITH THE DEATH EGG, AND NAUGUS IS PLOTTING TERRIBLE THINGS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY!
I KNOW I'VE MADE SOME BAD MISTAKES, BUT I'VE DONE MY RESEARCH AND GOTTEN HELP. THIS TIME I'M CERTAIN THAT THE TRAITOR IS...

...PRINCESS SALLY ACORN. FOUNDER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. SHE'S THE ONE, THE TRAITOR RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FUTURE.
HOW DARE YOU?!
THAT'S IT!
HOLD IT! HOLD IT!
YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO BACK THAT UP.
I CAN! I PROMISE!
AND I'VE CHANGED MY MISSION! I'M NOT HERE TO DESTROY THE TRAITOR!


"I'M HERE TO SAVE HER!"
MEANWHILE --NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
AS MY FIRST ACT SINCE MY RETURN TO THE CITY, I HEREBY PRESENT THE NEWLY-RESTORED CASTLE ACORN!
AND WITH THIS, I AM HOPEFUL THE PEOPLE WILL START TO TRUST ME AGAIN.
THEY NEVER SHOULD'VE DOUBTED, BUT THIS SHOULD HELP.
I KNOW IXIS NAUGUS IS DEATHLY ILL...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THE LESS WE SEE OF THOSE TWO...
...BUT I WOULD'VE THOUGHT HIS AGENT WOULD BE HERE...
...TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.
...THE BETTER.
NAUGUS IS DYING, ROTOR. FOR ALL HE'S DONE, WE CAN'T BE HEARTLESS ABOUT IT.
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A DEVICE HE COMMISSIONED, BUT I MAY NOT HAVE IT COMPLETED IN TIME.
RRUMBLE
YOU'RE TOO KIND FOR YOUR OWN GOOD --WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I--I DON'T KNOW! EVERYBODY GET BACK!

FIRST THE POWER STATION,* NOW THIS! DID THE FOUNDATION FALL OUT? IS THE PIT EXPANDING?

NNGH ...NO.

SOMETHING IS INTERFERING WITH THE NANITES!**

THERE! I MANAGED TO STABILIZE THE MATRIX. I'LL... I'LL FIX IT... ONCE I FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.

CODING IS BEING ERASED, SIGNALS ARE BEING JAMMED, AND SOME ARE SELF-DESTRUCTING!

*STH # 241. ** MICROSCOPIC MACHINES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY. --EDITOR.

CHAO-CHAO!

CHEESE! YOU FOUND THE DOLL I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF!

BAD DOLLY! I'M TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND FIND YOUR OWNER, AND YOU KEEP DISAPPEARING!...

...LIKE AT THE FORGET-ME-KNOTS' CONCERT.* AND THIS IS JUST LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CIVIC CENTER...**

*STH #241.
**STH # 236.

UM...CH-CHEESE? WOULD YOU MIND TAKING THE DOLL HOME FOR ME? THANK YOU.
CHAO.
MR. ROTOR! MR. ROTOR! I...I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH THE NANITES!
OH?
BACK WHEN DR. EGGMAN ATTACKED THE CITY AND MRS. D'COOLETTE GOT HURT, I FOUND A DOLL SHAPED LIKE MR. TAILS, AND I KEPT IT SAFE BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT BELONGED TO SOMEONE...BUT IT KEEPS VANISHING, AND NOW I THINK IT MIGHT BE AN EVIL DOLL MADE BY DR. EGGMAN ...AND IT'S... WHAT'S MAKING THE NANITES FALL APART!
THAT...SOUNDED MORE CONVINCING IN MY HEAD. I'M SORRY, I...
NO APOLOGIES, CREAM.
THAT'S VERY OBSERVANT OF YOU, AND IT SOUNDS CRAZY ENOUGH FOR AN EGG-MAN SCHEME. WHERE'S THE DOLL NOW?
CHEESE IS TAKING IT BACK TO MY HOUSE.
THEN HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO...

NORTHERN TUNDRA-- EGG BUNKER...

...YOU SEE...

...THE PROBLEM I WAS HAVING WAS THAT I ASSUMED THE TRAITOR'S ACTIONS WERE MALICIOUS. I THOUGHT THE TRAITOR *MEANT* TO DESTROY THE TEAM.

BUT SALLY'S ACTION WAS SELFLESS. SHE DESTROYED THE WORLD ROBOTICIZER, AND IN TURN WAS ROBOTICIZED HERSELF.*

*CHECK THE FULL STORY IN THE SONIC GENESIS GRAPHIC NOVEL ON SALE NOW!

HISTORY JUST...

...LOST THE DETAILS. SALLY WAS TURNED AGAINST THE REST OF YOU, AND THAT'S WHAT CAUSED EVERYTHING TO START FALLING APART. EVENTUALLY, THERE WERE NO FREEDOM FIGHTERS LEFT TO STOP THE VILLAINS. NOW YOU THREE ARE ABOUT TO GO INTO THE HEART OF THE DEATH EGG. I THINK... I THINK THIS MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE TO TURN THINGS AROUND!

WHAT SILVER SILVER SAYS ADDS UP, THOUGH. AFTER TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF DEVASTATION AND THE F.F. GONE...

...NO ONE REMEMBERED THAT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE...

BUT SALLY DIDN'T BETRAY US! SHE'S *NOT* A TRAITOR!

...WASN'T ACTING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.

THEY MIGHT NOT EVEN KNOW THAT "ROBOTICIZATION" EXISTED.

THERE NEVER WAS A "TRAITOR." THAT WAS YOUR ASSUMPTION.

HISTORY'S ASSUMPTION. I GOT THE MOTIVE WRONG.

WE'RE SAVING SALLY. WE'RE STOPPING EGGMAN.

AND I'M GOING TO HELP.

AND YOU THINK THAT'LL FIX THE FUTURE?

...I DON'T KNOW. IT'S A START.

ALL RIGHT...

...AS LONG AS YOU MEAN THAT...

...WE'RE COOL.

LET'S GET MOVING. SAME PLAN AS BEFORE, BUT NOW FERN-HEAD GETS TO ADD HIS PSYCHO MUMBO-JUMBO TO THE MIX.

MY TEAM WILL COVER YOURS...

...AS YOU LOOK FOR THE PRINCESS.

COOL.

HEY, SILVER--JUST HOW DID YOU KNOW WE'D BE IN THE ARCTIC AT THIS POINT?

UH...ER... I'M PSYCHIC, REMEMBER?*

*NICE TRY-- SEE LAST ISSUE!

SO GUNTIVER! WHAT IS THE PLAN?

FLIP SCOUTED AHEAD AND FOUND AN UNDERWATER TROOP TUNNEL LEADING STRAIGHT FROM THIS BUNKER TO THE DEATH EGG. WITH THE ALARMS DOWN AND THE FORCES HERE DESTROYED, WE'LL SNEAK IN RIGHT UNDER EGGMAN'S NOSE.

FEELING COLD NOW?

NO.

I'M JUST NOT WILD WALKING DOWN SOME RICKETY PIPE UNDER SO MUCH WATER.

SPEAK SOFTLY AND TREAD LIGHTLY. AKHLUT'S POD* IS EVERYWHERE, AND THEY MIGHT HEAR US.

* A "POD" REFERS TO A GROUP OF WHALES.--EDITOR.

IT'S TOO DARK. LET ME LIGHT THE WAY SO WE CAN--

WE RE SUR-ROUNDED! SWIMMERS --COVER US!

SILVER-- GET THE REST OF US TO THE DEATH EGG!

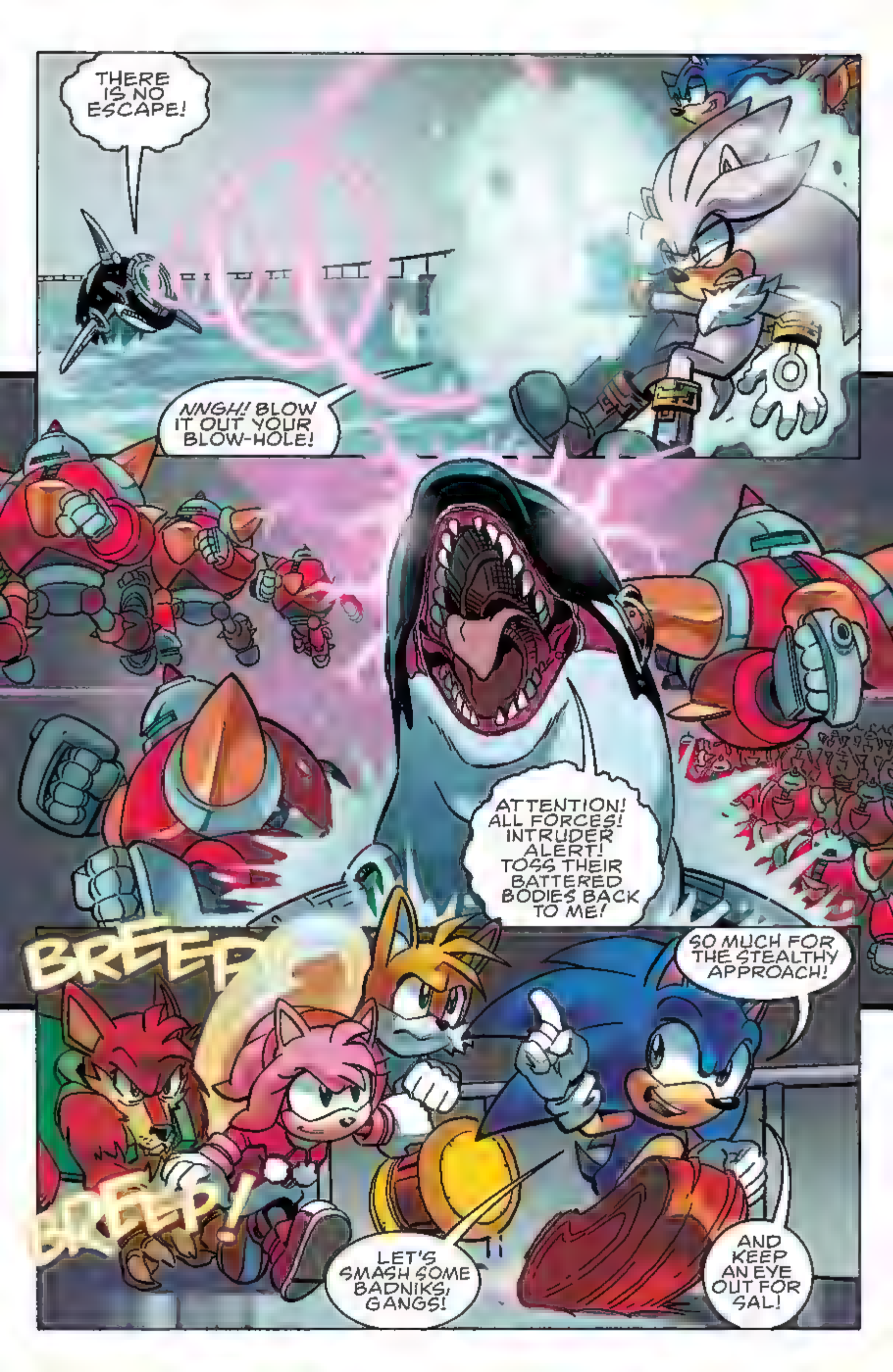
R-RIGHT!

I'M NOT GETTING SIDE-LINED. DEEP BREATH, TAILS!

RIGHT!

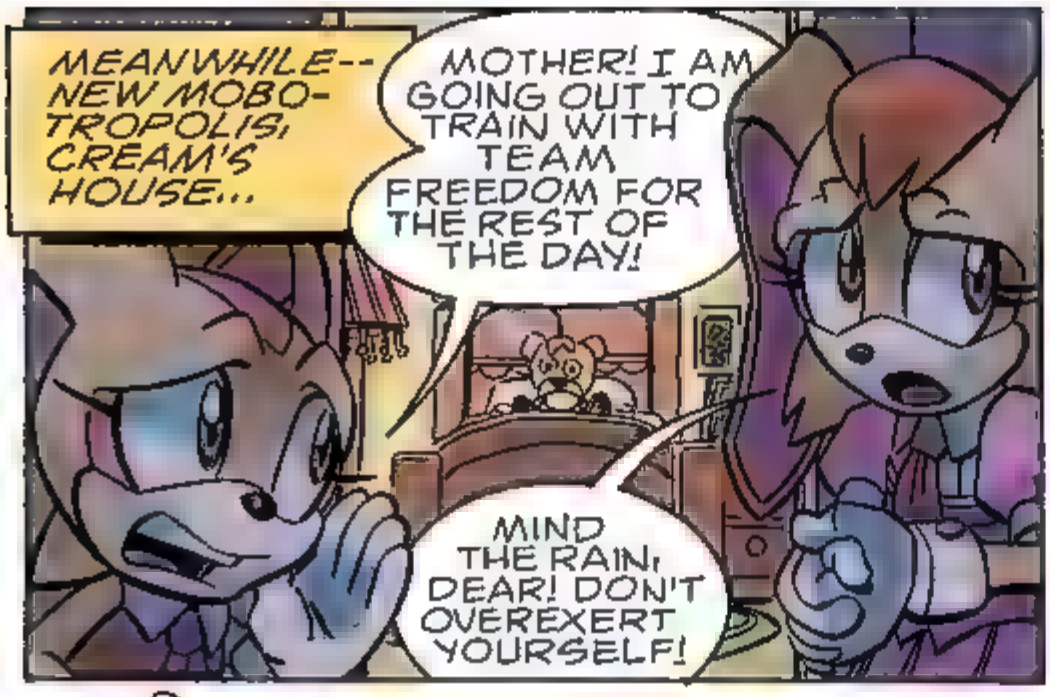
RARGH!
THAT POWER ...IT'S THE SAME THAT TOUCHED THE MINDS OF MY POD...*
*STH # 216.
YOU RUINED OUR HOLD ON THE WALRUSES! VENGEANCE FOR MY WARRIORS!
VENGEANCE!
MY WARRIORS--
--FIRE UPON THE SILVER HEDGEHOG!

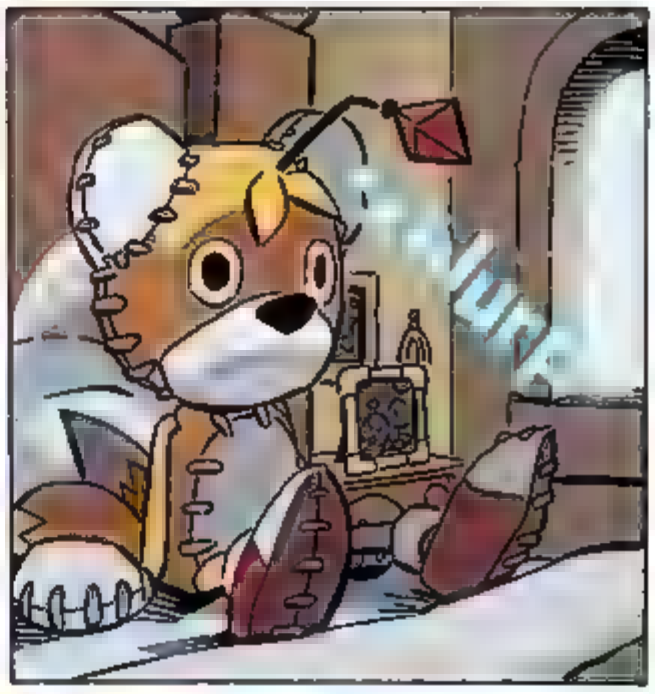
AUGH!
NO ONE TOUCH THEM! THEY'RE MINE!
SPLASH!

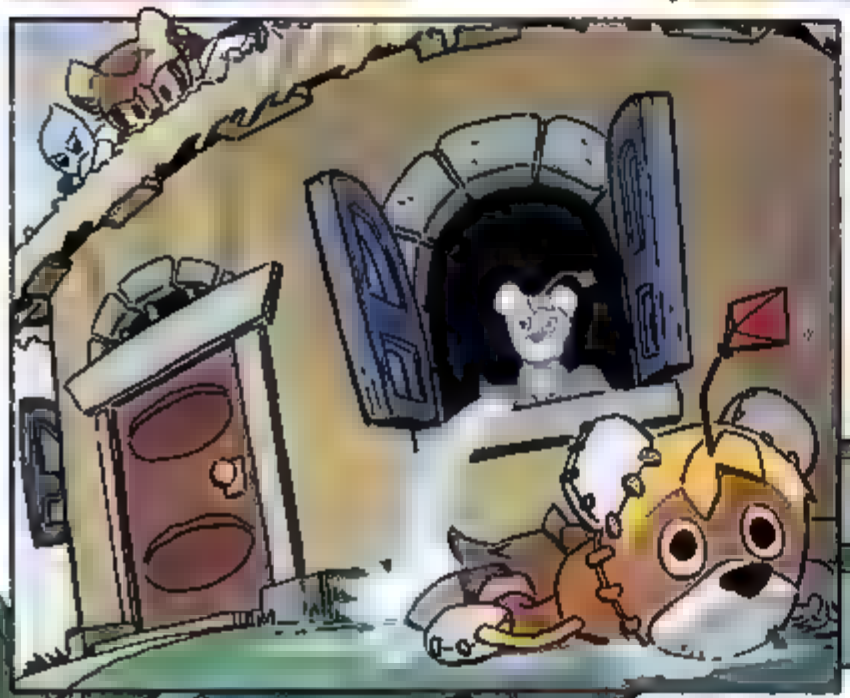

THERE IS NO ESCAPE!
NNGH! BLOW IT OUT YOUR BLOW-HOLE!
ATTENTION! ALL FORCES! INTRUDER ALERT! TOSS THEIR BATTERED BODIES BACK TO ME!
BREEP
BREEP!
SO MUCH FOR THE STEALTHY APPROACH!
LET'S SMASH SOME BADNIKS, GANGS!
AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SAL!

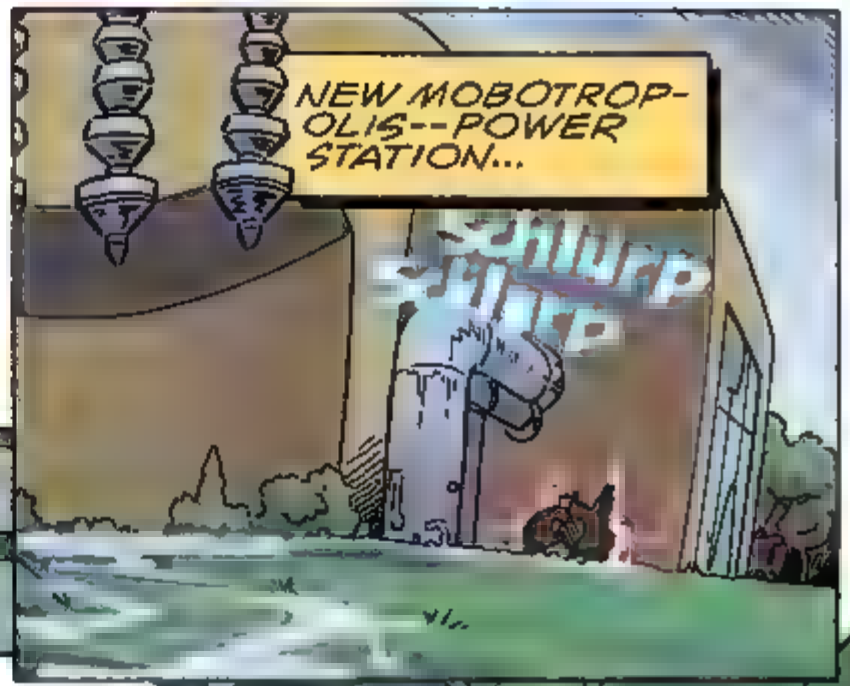
IT APPEARS WE'VE BEEN INVADED, SIR.
WHAT?! HOW?! I HAD THAT BUNKER BUILT SPECIFICALLY AS AN EARLY WARNING BASE!
DEY BE TEARIN' UP DE INSIDES OF DE DEATH EGG, EGG-MON. (MOSTLY AKHLUT'S FAULT, THO!...)
I JUST HAD THIS PLACE FULLY REPAIRED!
EGGMAN TO MECHA SALLY! GET TO THE LOWER DECKS--
...AND SLAUGHTER TEAM FIGHTERS AND ANYTHING ELSE WITH A PULSE! NO PRISONERS!
WE'RE CUTTING THINGS TOO CLOSE--AGAIN! *WE'VE GOT TO SET OFF THE GENESIS WAVE NOW BEFORE SONIC RUINS EVERYTHING. ORBOT, READY THE INTERDIMENSIONAL PORTAL. ALBERT BETTER BE READY TO GO...
*STH #225.

TIGHT FORMATION. COVERING FIRE.
COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS ACCEPTABLE.
HEADS UP! SHE'S HE-ERK!
MECHA SALLY
FORMER HERO, CURRENT ROBOTIC SLAVE OF DR. EGGMAN
ARGH!
AUGUSTUS!
YOU'RE COMING HOME, SAL!
THANK YOU FOR THE POINT-BLANK SHOT, SWEETIE.


MEANWHILE--NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, CREAM'S HOUSE...
MOTHER! I AM GOING OUT TO TRAIN WITH TEAM FREEDOM FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!
MIND THE RAIN, DEAR! DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF!






NEW MOBOTROPOLIS--POWER STATION...

SO IT WAS YOU. I DON'T APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO MY NANITES!
I WAS RIGHT! BAD DOLLY! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

SELF-REPAIR COMPLETE.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY POWER PLANT TO WEAKEN CITY.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY POWER SCRUBBERS, RELEASING ROBOTROPOLIS RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO WEAKENED CITY.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY TEAM FREEDOM!

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
I'd like to thank you on my behalf for the awesome comics you made so far through out the years. Endangered Species was a great arc as usual for many of your comics.

Thanks! We loved this story arc and can safely say it was easily the most talked-about Sonic story arc in recent memory! Anyone who didn't check this one out yet can pop over to the Sonic Comics App and download each issue! plugplugplugplug

Anyway onto the main note. I started collecting the comics since june 25th at issue 217 and the FCBD 2010 issue when Summer Of Sonic 2011 was on and I'm still collecting them so far today.

Great to hear! That was Ben Bates' first issue as interior penciller and one of my personal favorites.

I'm really going to enjoy the Sonic The Hedgehog/Mega Man™ World's Collide 12 part special this April and to hope for the best in the future for all of you at Archie, I thank you again and Happy 20th sonic comic anniversary to you all and comic readers.

Untill then,
Your blue blur fan,
Walter S.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

What a sweet letter, thank you Walter! We can't wait for the Sonic/Mega Man™ crossover either – and the good news is you don't have to wait very long at all! Go pick up the very first part in Mega Man #24 and start reading!

That's all for this month, folks! Come right on back here next time for the third part of the Sonic/Mega Man crossover epic! And don't forget to subscribe to all three titles for a low low price @ archiecomics.com for a limited time only!!

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So, fellow Sonic Heroes-Brigadiers, please place your right hand on this comic book and repeat after me:

I, _____, do solemnly
(your name)
swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/Mega Man™ crossover, until everyone in the entire world knows of the awesomeness that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily take over the world with their dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.

HEY KIDS! REMEMBER TO BE SAFE WITH YOUR SCISSORS. YOU'LL LOOK SO COOL WITH YOUR OFFICIAL SONIC HEROES BRIGADE BADGE!

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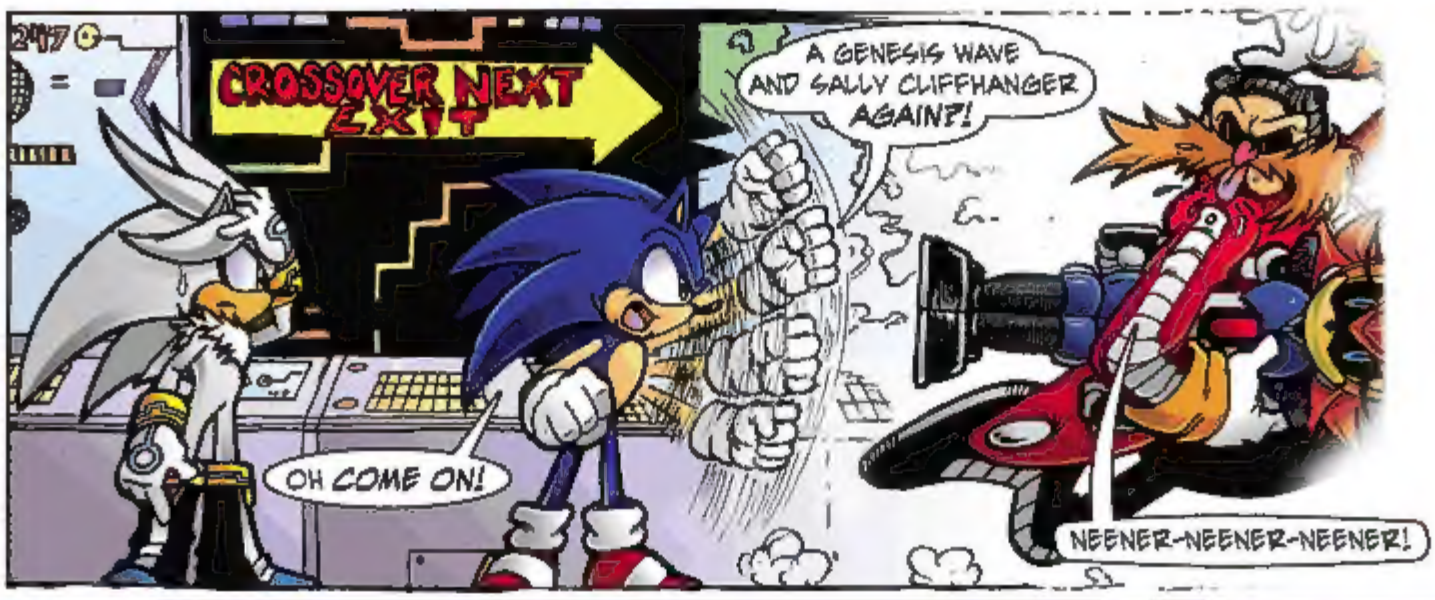

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